

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**General Session**  
**November 18, 2009**  
**Boise, Idaho**

President Newal Squyres called the General Session of the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 8:35 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In addition to President Squyres, in attendance were Commissioners Doug Mushlitz, James Meservy, Deborah Ferguson, and Reed Larsen, as well as Bar Counsel Brad Andrews, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Deputy Executive Director Terri Muse, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2009 meeting as amended.

**GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY SERVICES**

**ABA STATE BAR DELEGATE APPOINTMENT** – The Commission discussed the appointment of the ABA State Bar Delegate, to replace interim director Craig Meadows. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint Michelle Points as the ABA State Bar Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

**TRANSFER FROM AFFILIATE TO ACTIVE STATUS**

**Valerie Phillips** – The Commission considered a request from Valerie Phillips to transfer from affiliate status. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve Valerie Phillips request to transfer from affiliate to active status without additional requirements or conditions.

**LEGAL SERVICES STATE FUNDING**

The Commission discussed the issue of state funding for legal aid services and whether the bar should encourage an increase in filing fees to be dedicated to legal services. The Commission asked the Executive Director to gather information on filing fees, fee amounts, and use of fees. Commissioner Ferguson agreed to request additional information from Idaho Legal Aid Services and to invite a Legal Aid representative and Lora Breen, the ISB appointment to the ILAS Board of Directors, to the next meeting. President Elect Mushlitz agreed to take the lead on this issue and the Commission agreed to include legal aid funding on the agenda for meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court.

**MEETING WITH IDAHO SUPREME COURT**

The Executive Director reported that a meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court is tentatively scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The Commission discussed including the following topics on the meeting agenda: legal services funding, uniform bar exam, and the 2009 resolutions.

## **LAW SCHOOL VISIT**

The Commission discussed the letter to the dean reporting on the 2009 visit to the University of Idaho College of Law. The Commission considers its interaction with the students one of the most important aspects of the visit; yet, again the Commission was disappointed in this year's meeting with students. The Commission suggested recommending a format/structure for next year's visit to include both formal and informal meetings with students. In addition, the Commission plans to include a response to the request regarding licensing for professors, the general format of faculty reports, to suggest class reunions at the Annual Meeting, and more discussion on education loan forgiveness programs. The Commission also noted that it was not necessary for the Dean to leave the room during meeting with University of Idaho President Provost.

**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS** - The Commission was provided with membership statistics as of October 8, 2009 – 5,365 members.

## **IDAHO SUPREME COURT**

The Commission was provided with the October Supreme Court Oral Conference minutes.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT**

### **OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Commission was provided with the October 31<sup>st</sup> financial report. As of October 31, 97.95% of income was collected and 82.39% of expenses incurred.

### **2010 BUDGET**

The Commission reviewed the first draft of the proposed 2010 budget. The Executive Director requested that the Commission review this draft prior to the next meeting. She also noted that the final budget proposal will depend on the outcome of the license fee increase resolution.

## **MEMBER SERVICES**

**2010 Annual Conference Update-** Terri Muse provided a written report on the 2009 Annual Conference planning. The first draft of the 2010 budget does not include offering free CLE at the Annual Conference; however, Terri Muse plans to investigate what impact it would have at the Annual Conference.

**Practice Section Update-** The Commission reviewed the section update. The Commission discussed those sections that have not been active recently: Indian Law, Water Law, and ADR. Terri Muse reported that there is now a chair for ADR, and that she will continue to discuss, with the Water Law and Indian Law Sections, their future plans.

**Ask a Lawyer** – Commissioner Ferguson reported on a potential program being considered by the Pro Bono Commission, which would recruit attorneys to respond to questions submitted for the most part online.

**LRS statistics** –The Commission was provided with the October 2009 LRS statistics.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After an aye vote was recorded from each Commissioner, the Commission moved into executive session at 10:00 a.m. The executive session concluded at 10:55 a.m.

There being no further business, the General Session adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diane K Minnich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane K. Minnich  
Executive Director